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> RE: Superfund Update, Summer 1987 Arkwood, Inc., Omaha, Arkansas

Dear Ms. Izraeli and Ms. Greeney:

I have just read, with much concern, your "Superfund Update", Summer 1987, which you mailed to the citizens of Omaha, Arkansas and others.

Many events have occurred since the public meeting you held in Omaha on February 2, 1987, which, if fairly reported in this update, would lessen the concern and anxiety of those citizens. If this is truly an updating report, why not inform the public that the site is not listed on the Superfund NPL. Your technical information does not impart such status to a rural and lay community.

We strongly object to your continued misrepresentation of this site as a Superfund site, and the vindictive manner in which you continue to alarm the people in this area. It may be business as usual for you, but this matter deeply concerns those who live there, not just healthwise, but also economically.

Very truly yours,

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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VI

ALLIED BANK TOWER AT FOUNTAIN PLACE 1445 ROSS AVENUE DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

SUPERFUND UPDATE

SUMMER 1987

ARKWOOD, INC. OMAHA, ARKANSAS

## Test Results

The first round of water samples have been collected and analyzed for detectable levels of volatile and semi-volatile organic priority pollutants such as benzene, naphthalene, and pentachlorophenol (PCP). Independent laboratory analyses indicate that these compounds were not detected in any of the drinking water samples. However, 2.3 parts per million of PCP was detected in Cricket Spring. EPA has reviewed all of the data and agrees with the findings.

## Site Status

EPA's efforts to reach an access agreement with the property owner have stalled and the Department of Justice (DOJ) has filed suits to gain access. The second suit became necessary when ownership of the property was transferred. The remedial investigation cannot begin until after the site access issue is settled.

Under the provisions of an Administrative Order, three of the potentially responsible parties erected a partial fence around the site. This fencing, along with natural barriers, will prevent animals and small children from wandering into the site. These same parties also posted warning signs at the site and Cricket Spring.

## For Further Information

Information updates will be published on a regular basis. However, if you have questions or need additional information, call or write: write:

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